

Please replace the claims with the following clean version of the entire set of pending claims, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i). Cancel all previous versions of any pending claim.

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CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 1-20.

21. A conductive line comprising:
a polysilicon layer; and
a metal-silicide layer against the layer of polysilicon, the metal-silicide layer comprising a Group III dopant or a Group V dopant.
22. The conductive line of claim 21 wherein the metal-silicide layer comprises a concentration of the dopant of at least about 1×10^{18} ions/cm³.
23. A metal-silicide layer comprising a Group III dopant or a Group V dopant.
24. The metal-silicide of claim 23 comprising a concentration of the dopant of at least about 1×10^{18} ions/cm³.

25. A programmable-read-only-memory device comprising:
a first dielectric layer over a substrate;
a floating gate over the first dielectric layer;
a second dielectric layer over the floating gate;
a conductive line over the second dielectric layer; and
a metal-silicide layer over the conductive line, the metal-silicide layer comprising a Group III dopant or a Group V dopant.
26. The programmable-read-only-memory device of claim 25 wherein the device is an EPROM.
27. The programmable-read-only-memory device of claim 25 wherein the device is an EEPROM.
28. The programmable-read-only-memory device of claim 25 wherein the metal-silicide layer comprises a concentration of the dopant of at least about 1×10^{18} ions/cm³.